

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 7 of page 1.

At page 1, above line 7, please add the following new section headings and title of the invention:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Processes for Producing Conjugated Linoleic Acid

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 2, at line 1 thereof, please delete the section heading “Description of the Invention”, and insert the following new section heading and new paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates, in general, to fatty acids and, more particularly, to new processes for the production of conjugated linoleic acid by saponification of its esters and neutralization with phosphoric acid.--

At page 2, at line 19 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 5, between lines 1 and 2 thereof, please add the following new paragraph:

--What is claimed is:--